

Braille books, assistive devices for persons with disabilities

Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust (BDDT), a non-governmental voluntary organisation, distributed Braille books on general science and geography for visually impaired students of class IX-X children at a programme at BNSB hall room at Mirpur-1 in the city on Monday, says a press release.

Former adviser and Executive Director of Ain O Salish Kendra Advocate Sultana Kamal distributed the books among students as the chief guest.

UNICEF Bangladesh Chief of Education Nabendra Dahal, BPKS Executive Director Md Abdus Sattar Dulal, Prip Trust Executive Director Arima Datta, Bangladesh NGO Foundation Managing Director Md Abu Taher Khan, Editor (Current Affairs) of The Daily Star Syed Badrul Ahsan also took part in the programme as special guests.

BDDT trustees, a good number of human rights activists and students with visual and physical impairment were also present.

A wheelchair, 11 packets of blank casts, 55 packets of Braille papers and 15 numbers of white canes were also distributed among persons with disabilities (PWDs).

BDDT has been working for developing the lives of PWDs by providing training, education, rehabilitation services and employment in Barguna.

CA for diversified use of potato for food security

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday underscored the need for diversifying the use of potato through changing food habit to help ensure food security of the country.

In a statement, he said it is equally important to create awareness in all tiers of the society alongside carrying out a massive campaign about various recipes of potato to popularise it.

The CA appreciated the initiative of organising a three-day potato campaign marking 'International Potato Year 2008', declared by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Fakhruddin hoped that such programmes would be extended to the grassroots level to inspire people from all walks of life.



Former adviser and Executive Director of Ain O Salish Kendra Advocate Sultana Kamal hands over Braille books to a visually impaired student at Mirpur in the city on Monday.

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Certificate, hajj licence of travel agency cancelled

UNB, Dhaka

The government has cancelled the certificate and hajj licence of a travel agency and confiscated its security money for realising excess money from hajj pilgrims and harassing them.

The Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry took the decision to punish M/s Shad International Travels and Tours, Narayanganj, after an investigation following specific allegations against it.

The travel agency has also been charged with providing low quality foods and violating the Bangladesh Travel Agency Rules, said a hand-out yesterday.

The Religious Affairs Ministry also cancelled the hajj licence and confiscated the security money of the travel agency on the same charges.

Workshop on counter-terrorism begins in city

A two-day workshop on 'The legislative implementation of the 2005 universal counter-terrorism instruments concerning the physical protection of nuclear material and the security of maritime navigation' began at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday, says a press release.

Foreign Secretary Md Touhid Hossain inaugurated the workshop. Representatives from ministries of science and ICT, law justice and parliamentary affairs, shipping, home affairs, foreign affairs and defence as well as agencies including Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), Coast Guard Authority, AFD, Bangladesh Navy and NSI are participating in the workshop.

The workshop is conducted by a three-member United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)/International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) team comprising UNODC Senior Terrorism Prevention Expert Walter Gehr, Terrorism Prevention Expert Stefano Betti and IDLO Associate Programme Legal Counsel Arianna Lepore.

The workshop aims at exploring the possibility of Bangladesh's becoming a party to the following amendments/protocols related to United Nations Anti/Counter-Terrorism Conventions.

The 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material; the 2005 Protocol to the 1988 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Maritime Navigation, and the 2005 Protocol to the 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf.

Pak NDU team briefs president about defence cooperation

BSS, Dhaka

The visiting Pakistan National Defence University (NDU) delegation called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Members of the team, led by Major General Muhammad Tariq Massod, apprised president of the activities of the university.

They also briefed him about various aspects of the defence cooperation between the two countries, including in the field of training.

Iajuddin expressed his satisfaction at the existing warm, cordial and brotherly relations between Bangladesh and Pakistan in various fields.

He thanked the Pakistan government for extending their cooperation to Bangladesh in defence sector.

Military Secretary to the President Major General Mohd Aminul Karim, Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam and Press Secretary to the President Abdul Awal Howlader were present.

UNB adds: Earlier NDU delegation called on the naval and air chiefs and the Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division yesterday.

The delegation, led by Major General Muhammad Tariq Massod, met with Naval Chief Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Air Chief Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman at their respective headquarters and discussed matters of professional interests.

The visiting team also called on PSO of Armed Forces Division Lt Gen Masud Uddin Chowdhury at AFD.

Besides, the delegation members called on Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Sina Ibn Jamali at Army headquarters, said an ISPR press release yesterday.



Architect Gaetan Slew, president of International Union of Architects (UIA), calls on Prof Dr AMM Safiullah, vice-chancellor of BUET, on Monday at the latter's office. Prof Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed, head of Architecture Department of BUET, and architect Mubassher Hussain, president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh, were present on the occasion.

Course on TV news presentation concludes

A month-long training course on 'TV news presentation' organised by Bangladesh Institute of Journalism and Electronic Media (BIJEM) ended at the conference room of the institute on Monday.

Additional Secretary and Director General of Department of Social Services Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury was present at the concluding ceremony of the course as the chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants.

He said news presentation is a subject of art and creativity nowadays.

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Eminent Businessman Advocate Shafiq Mahmud Pinto and expatriate writer Mahmud Reza Chowdhury were present as special guests.

Mirza Tarequl Qader, executive director, BIJEM, presided over the function.

A total of 35 participants, including 30 female students of different universities, took part in the course conducted by renowned TV news presenters and journalists and phoneticians.

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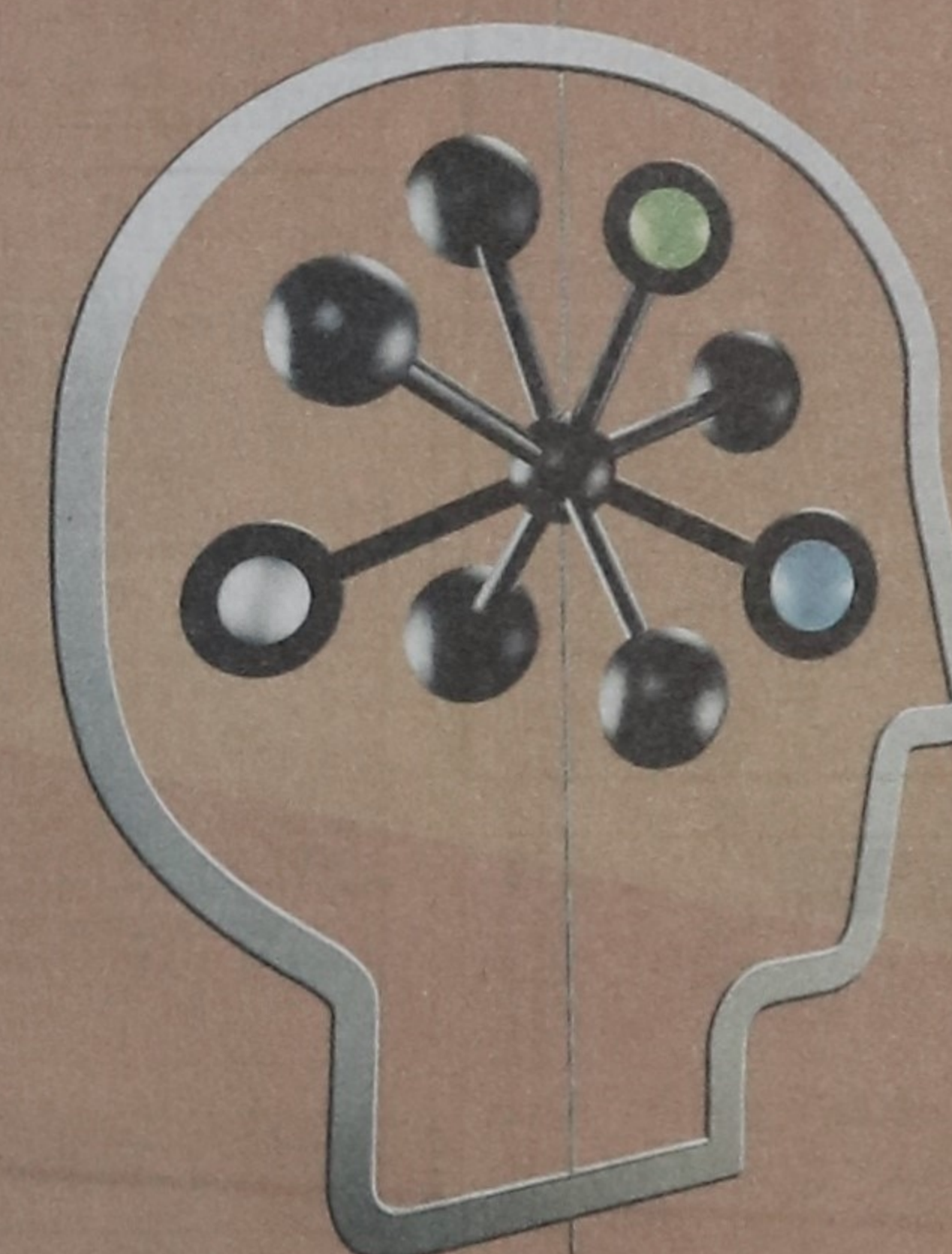
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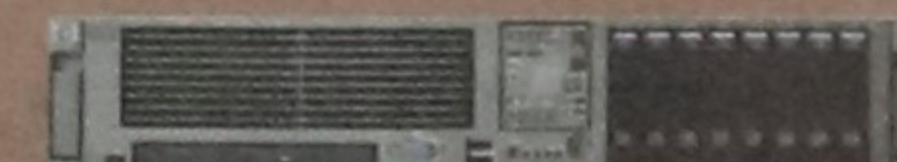
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